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Vol. XXXV. No. 4949. 號九十月五年九十七百八千一英 AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL. LONDON: -F. ALGAR, 8, Clement's Lune, Lombard Street. GEORGE STREET & GARRISON THEATRE. Co., 30, Cornhill. Gordon & Gotch, Ludgate Oiroue, E. C. BATRS, HENDY IT HE INNISKILLINGS & Co., 4, Old Jewry, E.C. SAMUEL DRACON & Co., 150 & 154, Leadenhall PARIS AND EUROPE :- LEON DE ROSNY. 19, Rue Monsieur, Paris. NEW YORK:-ANDERW WIND, 188, Nos-AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND :- GORDON & GOTCH, Melbourne and Sydney. SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally :- Bran & Black, San Fran-SINGAPORE AND STRAITS:-SAYLE & Co., Square, Singapore. C. Heinszen CHINA: - Macao, Messrs A. A. DE MELLO & Co. Swatow, CAMPBELL & Co. WILSON, NICHOLLS & Co. Foochose, Henen & Co. Shanghai. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and KELLY & WALER. Yokohama, LANE, CRAW-BRUKS. HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. PAID-UP CAPITAL,.....5,000,000 Dollara. RESERVE FUND,......1,800,000 Dollars. COURT OF DIRECTORS. Chairman-W. H. FORBES, Esq. Deputy Chairman-Hon. W. KESWICE. E. R. BELILIOS, Esq. | WILHELM REINERS. F. D. BASSOON, Eeq.

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For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum. 4 per cent. ,, ,, 5 per cent. ,, ,, LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

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T. JACKSON, Chief Manager. Offices of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

DATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON FIXED Deposits. At 3 months notice 8% per Annum.

On Current Accounts at Rates which can be ascertained at their Office.

D. A. J. OROMBIE, Acting Manager.

Hongkong, November 23, 1878. CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUS-

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Banking and Exchange Business, BATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DE-

POSITS. On CORRENT ACCOUNTS, 2 per cents per annum on the daily balance. On Fixed Deposits.

For 8 months, 8 per cent, per annum. 4 per cent. b per centi

Entertainment.

OHRISTY MINSTRELS,

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY, 20th and 21st MAY, 1879.

OLOG DANCE, FLUTE DUET, COMIC SONGS. AND THE NEGRO FARCE

entitled BOX AND COX. To conclude with NEGRO DANCE SKIDADDLE.

To Commence at 9.00 Admission: First Seats.....One Dollar.

Third do.....25 PUNKAHS.

"GOD SAVE THE QUEEN." Hongkong, May 17, 1879 ...

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION,

HE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Augtion on an early DATE, unless disposed of privately, of which due Notice will be given-

Portions of INLAND-LOT No. 105. adapted for the erection of Five Chinese LONDON BANKERS, -London and County Houses on Cochrane Street, corner of Gage Street, and FIVE HOUSES Gage Street, corner of Gutzlaff Plans may be seen, and all particulars

obtained at the Offices of SHARP & DANBY, No. 6, Queen's Road,

lately Messrs E. D. Sassoon & Co. Hongkong, May 17, 1879.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

O BE SOLD by PUBLIC AUC TION, shortly, on a day to be hereafter named, unless previously disposed of by private contract,-

THE HONGKONG DISTILLERY.

Situate at East Point, Hongkong, now in Complete Working Order, and Capable of Distilling upwards of 2,000 Gallons daily. The Property is of a most valuable nature, comprising THREE PIECES OF GROUND close to the water, viz.: Inland Lots Nos. 749, 781 and 782, with the Substantially Built DWELLING HOUSE and BUSINESS PRE-MISES, erected specially for the purpose only a few years since, together with the MACHINERY, ENGINES, STILLS, VATS, STOCK, and TRADE FURNITURE and FIT-

For further Particulars, apply to Messrs SHARP, TOLLER, and JOHNPON,

Solicitors, Supreme Court House Hongkong.

Hongkong, March 5, 1879.

Intimations.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS,

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be Held at the Company's Office, situate at No. 7. Queen's Road, Hongkong, at 8 P. M. TUESDAY, the 20th Instant, for the purpose of confirming such Special Resolution passed the Day.

Dated the 6th day of May, 1879, JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

G. FALCONER & Co., WATCH AND CHRONOMETER MANUFACTURERS,

AND JEWELLERS, NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS AND BOOKS 46, Queen's Road Central,

Hongkong, April 21, 1679.

intimations.

CEALED TENDERS for the Extension of BOILER SHED; REPAIRS to ROOF, PILLARS, &c., at H.M. NAVAL YARD, will be Received by the Undersigned be Open and Ready for the use of MEMon or before TUESDAY, the 27th Instant, BERS, on MONDAY, the 2nd June next. at Noon.

Plan and Specification can be seen onapplication at the NAVAL STOREREEPER'S JOHN BREMNER,

Nava! Storekeeper. H. M.'s Naval Yard, Hongkong, 18th May, 1879.

PHOTOGRAPHY,

POBPELBAUM begs to announce to the Community ot Hongkong that he has taken over the BUSINESS of Mr H SCHUREN-wellknown in Hongkong-and is prepared to take PHOTOGRAPHS daily from 8 a.m. till 1 p.m. Having previously been employed by MrEchinen, and had long experience in some of the most Celebrated Studios in EUROPE, he will take any Work Photography, and is able to guarantee satisfaction to all who favour him with their Patronage. Photographs enlarged to life-size and finished in Artistic Style. Any Pictures not meeting with the approval of Patrons will not be charged for.

> PHOTOGRAPHIC STUDIO, Wyndham Street.

Hongkong, April 21, 1879.

YANGTEZE INSURANCE ASSO-

CIATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Directors have declared an EXTRA DIVIDEND of FIVE PER CENT. on Shareholders Capital, payable at the Office of the Secretaries, on the 28th Instant, to SHAREHOLDERS of Record on the 21st

> RUSSDE Secretaries.

Shanghal, 18th April, 1879.

HONGKONG WHARF & GODOWNS STORAGE.

OODS RECEIVED on STORAGE at Moderate Rates, in FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS, under European supervision and VESSELS Discharged alongside the WHARF, on favorable Terms, with quick despatch. MEYER & Co.,

Proprietors. Hongkong, November 29, 1878.

NOTICE.

CANTON INSURANCE-OFFICE.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR

CHAREHOLDERS in the above Office are Requested to furnish the Underare Requested to International Contribu-signed with a List of Their Contribu-Tions for the Year ending 31st December, 1878, in order that the Distribution of the PROFITS Reserved for CONTRIBUTORS may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 30th JUNE Next will be Adjusted by the Office, and no Claims or Alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents. Hongkong, 14th May, 1879.

YANGTSZE INSURANCE ASSO. CIATION.

NOTIOE ..

TN accordance with the Articles of Agreement, the Directors have declared a DIVIDEND to POLICYHOLDERS for the FIFTEEN MONTHS ending 31st December 1878, of THIRTY-THREE PER CENT. ON THE NET PREMIA CONTRIBUTED, payable at our OFFICE on and after the 15th Instant.

particulars of their Contributions. By Order of the Directors, RUSSELL & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, May 5, 1879.

DENTAL NOTICE.

TIR. ROGERS will visit SHANGHAL J during the Summer Months, leaving Hongkons on the 1st of April next, and returning about 1st November. Hougkong, February 10, 1879.

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HONGKONG COMMERCIAL EX-OHANGE.

THE EXCHANGE ROOMS in MARINE House, Queen's Road Central, will Applications for admission as Members to be addressed to E. GEORGE,

Secretary. Hongkong, May 14, 1879.

Volume Seventh of the CHINA REVIEW."

No. 5. Vol. VII. -OF THE-

C. CHIMA BENIEM DE CONTAINS—

Legislation and Law in Ancient China. Jottings from the Book of Rites 福記. Chinese Running Hand. The Critical Disquisitions of Wang Ch'ung. The Sadness of Separation, or Li Sao. Historical Table of the High Officials Com-

posing the Central and Provincial Governments of China, Mr. Kingsmill and the Shi King. Short Notices, of New Books and Literary Intelligence.

my21 Notes and Queries :-Notes on the Language of the Formosan The Rainfall of Peking in connection with the Sunspot Theory.

On some of the Constellations in the Shi-king. Ancient Vases. Anniversary of the Downfall of the Ynen.

Mourning Etiquette. The Land Tax. Sauskrit Characters. Z ology. Mongol Alphabets. The God of the Hearth.

Crocodiles.

Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c. Hongkong, May 17, 1879.

NOTICE.

R. EDWARD BURNIE will Conduct MARINE SURVEYOR during my temporary absence from the

R. H. CAIRNS. Club Chambers, Hongkong, May 6th, 1879.

ROM the 1st OF OCTOBER, DR EASTLACKE will receive his PATIENTS at bis new DENTAL ROOMS. No. 50, Queen's Road Central, over the MEDICAL HALL

Hongkong, September 23, 1878,

SAILORS' HOME.

NY Cast-off CLOTHING, BOOKS, A-PAPERS will be thankfully received at the Sailor's Home, West Point. Hongkong, July 25, 1878.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THOMAS WILLIAM WRIGH is authorised to BIGN our Firm per Procuration from this Date.

SAYLE & Co. Hongkong, May 6, 1879.

NOTIOE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr WALTER SCOTT FITZ, in our Firm in Hongkong and China, CEASED on the 31st December last. Mr OHARLES VINCENT SMITH is

admitted a Partner from This Date. RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, January 1, 1879.

NOTIOE.

POLICYHOLDERS are requested to send in TIR. JAMES ANDERSON, formerly Manager of the FOOCHOW DOORS. has this Day been admitted a Partner in our Firm.

J. INGLIS & Co., Victoria Foundry, Wanchal. Hongkong, April 1, 1879.

WASHING BOOKS (In English and Chinese.)

TASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office. Price; \$1 cach. CHINA MAIL Office

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

日九卅月三閏年卯己

THE British IRON Barque CLUTHA," 997 Tons Register, as she now lies at anchor in Onerco Har-

For Particulars, &c., apply to Messis H. Sietas & Co., Chefoo. Hongkong, April 28, 1879.

NOW READY.

CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT. Parts I. and II., A to M, with Introduction. Royal Byo., pp. 404.—By ERNEST JOHN EITEL, Ph.D. Tübingen.

Price: FIVE DOLLARS, OF TWO DOLLARS and a Half per Part.

To be had from Messrs Lane, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and Mesars KELLY & WALSH, Shanghal Bonokong, March 1, 1678.

Shipping.

Steamers. FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW,

· The Steamship Capt. WESTORY, will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 21st Instant, at

10 a.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Oo. Hongkong, May 17, 1879.

AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVIGA. TION COMPANY.

FOR PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE. Taking Cargo and Passengers for all Australasian and New Zealand Ports. TASMANIA, NEW CALEDONIA & FIJI.

One of the Company's will be despatched as above on or about WEDNESDAY, POPTibyde de a mongo, apper GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.

Hongkong, May 16, 1879.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR FOOCHOW.

The British Ship. Capt. HEWEB, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, May 17, 1879,

FOR NEW YORK. The A 1 American Bark Capt. JOHNSON, will load here "EDWARD MAY." for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, April 30, 1879.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO. The A 1 British Ship

" CILURNUM," BEADLE, Master, will load here for the above Birt, and will. despaiched on or before the 5th of May. For Freight, apply to

VOGEL & Co. Hongkong, April 25, 1879.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO. The American Bark Captain Cull, will load here DAY, the 23rd Instant, at Moon, was for the above Port, and will enbject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

have quick despatch. For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, May 8, 1879.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO. The A 1 British Ship "ONEIDA," Captain CLYMA, will load here for the above Port, and will

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, April 17, 1879.

FOR MANILA.

have quick despatch.

The Spanish Schooner "NUEVO CONSTANTE," Captain Uniante, will have im-mediate despatch as above. For Freight, apply to

REMEDIOS & Co. Hongkong, May 9, 1879.

PRICE, \$24 PER ANNUM.

shipping.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR HAMBURG.

The British Bark "GOLDEN FLEEOR," WILTSHIRE, Master. For Freight, apply to

Hongkong, May 7, 1879.

FOR NEW YORK.

The A 1 American Ship EVANS, Master, For Freight, apply to

VOGEL & Co. Hongkong, April 16, 1879.

> FOR SAN FRANCISCO. The A 1 American Ship

MANSON, Master. For Freight, apply to VOGEL & Co.

Hongkong, March 28, 1879.

FOR LONDON. The A 1 American Ship LUNT, Master.
For Freight, apply to "PRIMA DONNA,"

VOGEL & Co. Hongkong, March 28, 1879.

Fires to Constances of OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S. S.

UOMPANY.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Steamship. BELGIC, from San Francisco, &c., are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods. Cargo impeding discharge of the Steamer) will be landed and stored at Consignees

risk and expense. H. M. BLANCHARD,

> FROM SAN FRANCISCO AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship Alaska, Captain SEA-BURY, having arrived from the above Ports, Consigness of Cargo by her are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery of

Cargo impeding her discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense. The above Steamer having incurred General Average, Consignees of Cargo and

their Goods.

Treasure are notified that a General Average Bond is now lying at our Office and will require their Signature before delivery. RUSSELL & Co.,

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

Hongkong, May 10, 1879.

TIGRE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per 8. 8. Gange, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before To-DAY, the 16th Instant, at 11 a.m., requesting it to be landed here. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after FRI-

DAY, the 23rd Instant, at Noon, will be G. DE CHAMPEAUX.

Hongkong, May 16, 1879.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Caree are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

Ex " Iraquaddy." I Y No. 1809, Mr Ivir, 1 cask Wine, from Marseilles,

Hongkong, April 24, 1879,

NEWS FOR HOME.

The Overland China Mail. (The olders Overland Paper in Ohina.)

PUBLISHED AT THE "CHINA MAIL" OFFICE IN TIME FOR THE ENGLISH MAIL

Containing from 72 to 84 columns of closely printed matter.

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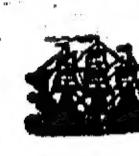
To-day's Advertisements.

FOR AMOY.

The Steamship "ESMERALDA, Capt. Cullen, shortly due, will have quick despatch for the above Port.

For Freight or Passage, apply to Russell & Co.

Hongkong, May 19, 1879.



FOR NEW YORK. The A 1 American Ship "HATTIE E. TAPLEY! TAPLEY, Master. For Freight, apply to

VOGEL & Co. Hongkong, May 19, 1879.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Aleither the Captain, the Agents, not Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:-

GOLDEN FLEECE, British barque, Capt. James Wiltshire. - Vogel & Co.

OMEIDA, British ship, Captain S. Olyma. -Gibb, Livingston & Co. " ALEXA, British barque, Captain George

Robb, -Jardine, Matheson & Co. Annie W. Weston, American barque, Captain H. O. Winsor.—Order. VESUVIUS, American barque, Captain F

W. Call.-Order. ARGYLL, British steamer, Captain D.

Scott.—Jardine, Matheson & Co. BEETHOVEN, German barque, Captain Haje. - Melchers & Co.

KILLARNEY, British steamer, Captain Henry O'Neill. - Gibb, Livingston & Co. ALICE C. DICKERMAN, American 3-m. schooner; Captain Wm. J. Bugant, -Order. Excelsion, American barque, Capt. D. B. Eddy.—Captain.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

May 17, Diamante, British steamer, 514. E. Thebaud, Amoy May 16. General. RUSSELL & Co.

May 17, Philippine, British barque, 300,

J. H. Southwood, Newchwang April 23, Beans. - WIELER & Co. May 18, Elisabeth, German barque, 447, L. Ohlsen, Newchwang April 29, Beans .-

WIELER & Co. May 19, Galley of Lorne, British steamer, 1889, John L. Dryden, Nagasaki May 18. 8 p.m., General.—GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co. May 19, Sorsogon, Spanish steamer, 240, R. Lopez, Manila May 15, General.

VOGEL & Co. May 19, Rajanattianuhar, British str., 933, Hopkins, Bangkok May 11, General. YUER FAT HONG.

May 19, Jeddah, British steamer, 994, J. L. Clark, Penang May 9, and Singapore 18, General. Bun Hin Chan,

May 19, Salvadora, Spanish steamer, 651, Larrinaga, Manila May 16, General. -REMEDIOS & CO.

May 19, Me-li, Chinese steamer, 181, R. Maraden; Haiphong May 15, and Heihow 18. General - U. M. S. N. Co.

May 10, 6 30 pm., Brisbans, British Ateamer, 1700, J. A | eddell, Sydney April 19, 0.80 p.m., Bowen 27, Townsville 28, good, Thursday Island May 1, 4 p.m. and Singspore 18, 4 p.m., 12 boxes Gold. and 1,147 pkgs. Merchandise,-Gibb, Lu-

VINCETON & Uo. May 19, Gienfinlas. British steamer, 1366, Wilson, London April 9, via ports of call, and Singap: to May 14, General, -Jaronna, MATRESON & Co.

DEPARTURES,

May 18, Hallowig, for Swatow, &c. 18. Súnaa, for Yokohama. 19, Lambest, for Shanghai.

19, Conquest, for Rollow & Heiphong 19, Kionmond, U. S. Asgebip, for Shanghai.

19, Diamanie, for Manila, CLEARED.

Uneida, for San Francisco. Cilumum, for San Francisco, Dole, for Bangkoki

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED. Per Sorrogue, from Manila, Mesers Pernard Flood, and M. Carthey. Per Rajanattianuhar, from Bangkok. Miss Digby, and Mr Decumps (French Consul at Bangkok), and 216 Chinese. Per Jeddah, from Penang and Singapore, Mrs Potemen and shild, and 640 Chinese.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED. Per Brisbane, from Sydney, &c., Mesars Tin War, Yuh Khae, and 326 Chinese. Per Diamante, from Amoy, 3 Europeans deck, and 50 Chinese. Per Me-li, from Hoihow, &c., 40 Chineses

DEPARTED. Per Tibre, for Yokohama : from Hongkong, Mr and Mrs C. H. Mscy; from Marsellles, Miss Zappe, Messrs Hailer, Bansa, Elsendecker, and Stsanji; from Saigon, Mesers Paillet, Morin, Simon, Lemaire, Costet. Tromeur, Darcel, Conq, and 15

Per Tigre, for Shanghai: from Hongkong, Mrs Bright, Capt. Sair, Mossra Elio, Due de Magliano, G. Grazioli, and W. Favre, and 4 Chinese; from Marsellies, Mr and Mrs Betz, Messrs Shaw, Tienfenbacher, Bieckmanes, D. M. Henderson, Turner, and Brackenridge; from Port Said, Mrs Rodaz; from Singapore, Mr and Mrs Edward Fons.

Per Sunda, for Yokohama: for Hongkong, Mrs Allan, and 2 Infants and 4 Chinese, from Southam, ton, Mr Ricketts. Per Zambesi, for Shanghai: from Hongkong, Lieut. E. P. Chapman, Mesars R. A. Penicud, W. Woodward, and F. Terrible, 69 Ohinese, and 2 Boys; from Southampton, Mr and Mrs Pirkis, 2 children and

servant, Messra H. Dale, and Frayer. Per Hailoong, for Swatow, Mr and Mrs Brown ; for Tamsul, Mr Dodd.

Per Diamante, for Manila, Mr J. Velez. Per Conquest, for Haiphong, 8 Chinese; for Holhow, 20 Chinese.

To DEPART. Per Gwalier, from Hongkong: for Southampton, Mrs Francis, child and European female servant, Mr and Mrs Jamieson, 2 children and native female servant, Messrs G. B. Young, W. Longridge, and Ridley; for Bombay, Messrs J. Clarke, and N. P. Banajee; for Singapore, General and Mrs Donovan, Mr M. Napier, Lieut. Drummond, A.D.C., and native servant .- From Shanghai : for Southampton, Messrs Neild, and Davidson; for Bombay, 1 Native. - From Yokohama : for Singapore, Messre Grienberg, W. Horai, and G. Sardo.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

Per Dale, for Bangkok, 89 Chinese.

The British steamer Diamante reports Light Southerly winds and fine clear wea-

The German barque Elisabeth reports First days from the bar to the S.E. Promontory of Shantung heavy fogs and cold Northerly winds. Thence to Foochow rainy weather and variable winds with high sea from the Southward. From the Formosa Channel to Swatow light Easterly and Southerly winds. The last few days very light variable winds, and clear hot sultry wasther.

The British steamer Rajanattianuhar re-Light Southerly winds and fresh monsoon to Pulo Obi; high sea to Cape Padaran i and from thence to port light B. and B.E. winds with smooth sea, On the 18th, spoke S. S. Japan and Venice, from Hongkong to Singapore, in lat. 19.48, lat.

The British steamer Jeddah reports Left Penang May 9th at 3 s.m., and arrived at Singapore at 3 p.m. on the 10th, in the on 18th inst, at I am, experienced moderate winds from N. to E. and overcast and rainy weather as far as 15 N., thence to port light S.E. winds and fine clear weather. Arrived in Hongkong on 19th at a

The Chinese steamer Me-li reports Light S.W. winds and fine weather throughout the passage.

CARGO.

Per Gwalior, to London, 399 half-chests and 16,499 boxes Tea, 10 cases Silk Piece Goods, 477 bales Silk, 7 bales Weste Silk, and 1,975 pkgs. Sundries. To Continent, 155 bales Silk, 2 bales Waste Silk, 4 bales Pongees, and 50 pkgs. Sundries. To New York, 102 pkgs. Sundries, and 17 bales

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:-

For STRAITS SETTLEMENTS, SUEZ AND LONDON .-Per Deucation, at 2.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the 20th inst,

For SWATOW, AMOY, & FOOCHOW .-Per Namoa, at 9.30 a.m., on Wednesday, the 21st inst.

For SAIGON .-Per Cctava, at 4.30 p.m., on Friday, the 23rd inst

MAILS BY THE BRITISH PACKET .-

the Britan Contract Packet Gwallor. will be despatched on TUESDAY. the 20 h instant, with Mails to and through the United-Kingdom and Europe vid Brindisi or Southampton; to the Straits Settlements, Batavia, Burmab, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta, and Gibraltar.

N.B.—This Packet carries no mails for the Australian Colonies, E. or S. Africa, nor for Mauritius,

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PAURET. United States Mail Packet City of Tikio, will be despatched on TUEs-

DAY, the 20th instant, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, and the United States, which will be closed as fol-DWS :--2.15 P.M. Registry of Letters ceases. 2.30 P.M. Post-Office closes, but Letters

(except for Non-Union Countries) may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 18 cents extra Postage. until the time of departure. Correspondence for Non-Union West Indies (except the Bahamas and Hayti),

Monte Video, Paraguay, and Uruguay can no longer be sent by this foute. Hongkong, May 6, 1879.

MAILS BY YES FRANCE PAULES.

The French Contract Packet Iraquaddy vill be despatched on TUESDAY, the 27th Instant, with Malla to and Ta through the United Kingdom and Europe, vid Naples i to Salgon, Stra to Settlements, Balavia, Burmah, C.y.on, Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutta, B. m. boy, Aden, Suer, and Alexandria. The usual hours will be observed in closing the Maile, are

MAILS BY THE UMITED STATES PAGEST. The United States Mail Packet Alaska will be despatched on MONDAY, the 26th instant, with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, and the United States.

which will be closed as follows.-2.15 P.M. Registry of Letters ceases. 2.30 P.M. Post-Office closes, but Letters (except for Non-Union Countries) may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 18 cents extra Postage

until the time of departure. Correspondence for Non-Union West Indies (except the Bahamas and Rayti), Monte Video, Paraguay, and Uruguay can no longer be sent by this route.

Hongkong, May 8, 1879. MAIL BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET. The United States Mail Packet Belgic, will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 31st inst., with Mails for Japan, San Francisco, and the United States. which will be closed as follows :-

2:15 P.M. Registry of Letters ceases. 2.30 P.M. Post-Uffice closes, but Letters (except for Non-Union Countries) may be posted on Board the Packet with Late Fee of 18 cents extra Postage until the time of departure.

Correspondence for Non-Union West Indies (expected the Bahamas and Hayti). Monte Video, Paraguay, and Uruguay can on longer be sent by this route. Hongkong, May 17, 1879.

HOURS OF CLOSING THE CONTRACT MAILS.

The following hours are observed in closing Mails, do., by both the British and French Contract Packets :--

Day before departure. b r.m. -- Money Order Office closes : Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.

Day of departure,-A. H. - Post Office opens. 10 A.M. - Registry of Letters coases. Posting of all printed matter and patterns coases. 1) A. M. - Mails olosed, except for Late 11.10 a.m.-Letters may be posted with

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Shipping Intelligence. The following is corrected from the latest London and Colonial Papers, &c :-VESSELS TO ARRIVE.

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MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW. Shipping.

Noon.-English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe. 3 p.m. - American Mail leaves for Yoko-

hama and San Francisco. Meeting. 3 p.m. - Extraordinary General Meeting

of the Hongkong-Fire Insurance Co., (No. 7, Queen's Road), to confirm special resolution passed on 6th. Amusement.

9 p.m.-Dramatic Performance at the Garrison Theatre.

Miscellaneous. 10 s.m.—Criminal Sessions.

2.80 p.m.-Adjourned inquest, Magistracy, on body of John Eagle, quartermaster, Peng chou-hot.

General Memoranda. WEDNESDAY, May 21 :--10 a.m. - Namoa leaves for Coast Ports.

9 p.m.—Dramatic Performance at the Garrison Theatre. FRIDAY, May 23:-Goods per Tigre undellvered after Noon, subject to rent and landing charges.

MONDAY, May 26:-3 p.m .- Alaska leaves. TUESDAY, May 27 :-French Mail leaves for Ports of

and Enrope.

Noon .- Tenders for Naval Yard work. WEDNESDAY, May 28 :--Dividend of 5 % on Shares of Yangters Insurance Association, payable at th office of Russell & Co.

BATURDAY, May 31:-8 p.m.—Cocidental & Oriental S. S. Co. Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

The publication of this issue commence

HONGRONG, MONDAY, MAY 19, 1879.

THE letter from our correspondent "Empty Bath-tub" points to a grievance which but too frequently arises here in the dry season. To draw attention to the annoyance, however, we feel sure will be sufficient to secure as much relief as the energetic Surveyor General can give under the circumstances. peculiarly unfortunate that a short supply of fresh water should be felt just as the sweltering heat of summer begins to remind us that life in Hongkong is not all ice-creams and balmy breezes. Pending the satisfactory explanations which will doubtless be forthcoming so far as Mr Price's department is concerned, we may suggest that these famines would not be so trying were certain hours set apart for turning on the water, and-were these hours published for the benefit of the Community. So far as we can gather, even when a reasonable water supply is vouchsafed to the public, it has | 9th May was 85 on Tuesday the 6th, the to be caught and conserved, in casks and buckets in a hap-hazard sort of way, and much valuable water is frequently wasted in the operation. A servant, ignorant as to when the welcome gush may come, sets the water-cask and opens the tap, while he goes his way-The water supply on such occasions after the manner of a donkey's trot, is short but rapid; and more than likely resched. the drains in the vicinity are well washed servant is not forethought or carefulness, such a state of things all the year round is so great a strain upon his faculties, that the water supply is sometimes missed, and nearly always wasted. An official notice issued as to the hours when water may be had would remedy all this; and we do not suppose the department would suffer in health by the effort thus required of them.

Under the heading of "Governor Pope Hennessy," the Irish Times of the 19th March publishes the following paragraph !-

We have been requested on good anthority to state that our London Correspondent must have been misinformed as to Governor Pope Hennessy's position. It is true that he has had to encounter obstacles in the way of doing justice to the people of his colony from persons of the same class as those who vainly tried to impede his measures when at Barbadoes, and the fact of letters addressed to him "not to be forwarded" has probably arisen from a groundless rumour which appeared some time since that he was returning home on short leave of absence. The Ambassador, from the Emperor of China to the Queen has publicly declared that the rule of Governor Hennessy at Hong Kong would same the people of China to regard the people of this small in their best tristical

It will be news to many grave and respectable residents of this Colony to learn that "persons of the same class as those who vainly tried to impede his measures when at Barbadoes" had placed obstacles in the way of "justice being done [by Mr Hennessy] to the people of his Colony." It may also strike the thinking Colonists of Hongkong strange that, when a note of approval of Mr Hennessy is wafted to our ears, it comes not from the quarters whence Intelligence. such notes are generally expected to emanate. An untruthful address from a number of petty Chinese shopkeepers the English Parliament, is now at Peking, is not a very high certificate of good and is the guest of the British Legation. behaviour for an able Representative of Two weeks ago he made an excursion to Her Majesty in a British Crown Colony. And here again we have the Irish Times quoting the dictum of "The Ambassador from the Emperor of China to th Queen," publicly declared at Government. House over a glass of champagne, it which we are just in receipt of London may be. No doubt the Marquis Tseng advices, by the steamer Speke Hall from is a most estimable native gentleman but what, it may be asked, does he know of "the rule of Governor Hennessy at Hongkong?" Apart, however, from the silliness of publishing such nonsence: supposing that "the rule of Governor Hennessy at Hongkong would cause the people of China to regard the people of this empire as their best friends, that necessarily the end and aim of Mr was paid as duty. Hennessy's policy here? Certainly not; kong can find defenders nearer home, to here, his quasi-friends only make the darkness more visible when they quote the wrong authorities as to his general good character as an administrator.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

THE British steamer Deucation takes home on leave, Mr Moorhead, the Commissioner of Customs at Amoy.

THE Returns of Trade at the Treaty Ports, for the year 1878, Statistical Series, issued by the Inspector General of Chinese Customs, have been received. They cover oxer 870 quarto pages.

THE Criminal Sessions were formally opened to-day and adjourned till to-morroy at 10 a.m. There are only six cases on the Calendar; three for largeny, one robber; from the person, one child stealing, and one trafficking in women.

On board the French Mail steamer Tibra which arrived here the other day, there were, passengers from Yokohama, thirteen subordinate instructors, whose services, now dispensed with, were lent by the British Admiralty to the Japan Imperial by the M. M. line.

On Saturday next, the 24th inst., Her Chicaman living in the interior of the State, Majesty will attain her 60th birthday. H. E. the Governor will entertain at Government House the Members of Council and the Heads of Departments at the usual State Dinner marking the occasion; and, we believe, a levee will also be held in the evening.

ABOUT sixty refugees from the province of Kwangsi have landed on this island. They were driven from their homes owing to the floods, and have come here seeking relief. They were taken care of at the Central Police Station and fed. They form a motley group of men, women, and children, We believe steps will be taken to afford them some relief and send them back to

THE highest reading of the Temperature in the Harbour Office for the week ending minimum 78 on Monday and Thursday, The maximum the previous week was 64 on Friday 2ad, the minimum 65 on previous Saturday, The season gets hotter every week. On the four last days of last week the temperature was recorded at to dominoes, or to gossip, or to snooze. Mesars Falconer & Co. premises, Queen's Road, 81, 83, 87, and 88, and to-day 89 is

down ere the overflow is discovered. Our of the most curious things about the Now, as the great point in a Chinese Chinese address to General Grant is given in the last Gazette. We are there told was sixteen feet long by four feet wide; this reminds one of a Bishop's oriticism of a young clergyman's germon; " too long, Grant left about 6.8 pm. after numerous and too broad, and no depth in it." But what rather puzzles us is that this sixteenfeet-long address " was embruidered in gold on a strip of crimson satin about ten fact long, with a rich deep border exquisite. ly embroidered; the characters are Chinese; the address is written on the top; on the right side is General Grant's name in Ohinese, on the opposite side signatures. In the centre are four large Ohinese characters, Wai Kap Ma Man "Benefit to Chinese People." If anybody can make out size or shape, or head of tall, of that address from the Gazette it is more than we can do .- Con.

> OFB Overland edition (14 pp.) for to-more row's English mail contains :--

> Editorial Articles, The Belillos School larships," The Emberslement by a Compredore, The Kate Wate's Case, Current Topics, The Chinase Address to H. M. the Queen, The New Postal Rates, The Coining Case, an Azira Military Contribution.

General Articles, -Chinese Notes, Review, General Grant's Visit to Hongkong, General Grant's Visit to Canton, The Chinese Address to her Majesty the Queen, Shanghai Spring Races, Hongkong Police Intelligence, Shocking Death of a European, European Sailor Lad Drowned in the Harbour, Tragedy on Board a Junk, New Map of Canton Province, General Grant at Siam, Correspondence, Latest Reuter's Telegrams, Supreme Court, The Wu shih shan Case, Singapore, Bangkok, Manila, Miscellaneous, Commercial Summary, Shipping

FIR Arthur Cowell Stepney, a member of the Great Wall, and soon after the arri al of Sir Thomas Wade he will journey South and complete his voyage around the world.

JOHN Roberts, Jr., the celebrated billiard player, arrived Home during the week for Bombay. The champion is understood to have enjoyed an extremely successful professional tour in India.

During the ten days ending April 3 no ess than 21,916,480 lbs. of tea were cleared for home consumption at the London Custom House. Upon this enormous quantity of tea the sum of 512,912% has been assessed and the duty paid. On April 3 108,8001.

and until the present Governor of Hong. | WE read in the N. O. Daily News' Peking advices that the Vicercy Li Hung-chang justify the erratio and strangely perverse has gone back to Tientsin in order to policy he has thought fit to inaugurate prepare for the grand reception he intends giving to General Grant. As H.E. Li is not thoroughly acquainted with the manner in which the nations of the West glorify their great men, he will in this affair be guided by the wise advice of Mr W. N. Pethick, the celebrated Chicese Scholar and United States Vice Consul at the port of Tientsin. The eight hundred bottles of various kinds of delicious wines, and the superb dinner table service sold to the Vicercy by B.E. Vicemte Brenier de Montmorand, French Minister, will contribute no doubt greatly to the colat of the reception, and make General Grant forget for the moment that he is in the Celestial

> WITH regard to the slavery of Chinese gizls to which frequent reference has been made in these columns, and of which our own police columns frequently give very painful examples, we read in the latest American papers a Police Court case a San Francisco which should not go. unno. ticed, bringing out as it does the painful and strange story of al Chinese girl's unhappy

experiences :-She said that her parents in China sold her to "a gray haired lady" for twenty dollars when she was ten years of age. She was resold to a Chinese doctor in San Francisco named Lis Po Tia. This doctor has several wives, one of whom sold her to a Chinaman for \$40. Her market price gradually increased to \$100, and by the time she was twenty years old she had changed hands a dozen times. Recently and neard that she was to be sold to a and it was in consequence of her refusal to go that the assault was committed and the disturbance created that brought the case

before the public. THE following complimentary para, concerning the Great American who has just left our shores, is from the Washington letter

of Progress: It is interesting to know how soon certain public men fade out of the popular heart. Most of the modern ex-Presidents have worn away like poor photographs; but Grant lasts like a steel engraving. You can toast him at public meetings or public lectures, at music balls, theatres, and social dinners. The slightest kind allusion to him is like a live coal on the back of a terrapin; it produces the liveliest emotions, and a piece of wit at his expense may raise a laugh, but never a cheer. The boxes and the galleries both rise at him. Nor does the little General flatter the public. He is very silent and unresponsive; but when he speaks he is so frank as often to seem imprudent; and yet this sort of pluck is popular with the mass. Besides, however the next Presidential struggle results. Grant will be useful as an educator. He will teach both parties that the only thing that wears is candour and truth, and that the aspirant for President who thinks he can win by playing double.

Amor advices to May 18th, inform us that on the previous day "Captain Boyd and the Officers of the U.S. S. Ranger gave a grand reception from 5 to 7 p.m. on board their vessel in honour of General and Mrs Grant. The whole foreign community were invited to meet the greatest of living Ger nerals, and everything possible was done in the way of iced punch and similar forms of ho pitality to make everybody comfortable. The ship itself was most b autifully decorated, and the whole scene was of a most festive description. General and Mrs. introductions had been made, and dancing was then the order of the evening the deck being very prettily lighted with Chinese lamps and chandeliers. Americans-with no disrespect to other nationalities are the beat conceivable hosts; hospitality seems to come as natural to them as any other of the nut ught arts of life. But they never thine more in that respect than when engage i, as on yesterday eve ing, in entertaining a party nine-tenths of which are Englishmen, met to do honour to a distina guished American of whom Englishen can be quite as proud as his own fellow-

LAURENCE Hall, formerly note-clerk at the London and San Francisco Bank, at the latter city, who turned up here come two months or so back and was arrested for alleged defaloations, has, we read in the Alta, returned to San Francisco, and delivered himself to Captain Less. He states that, learning at torskong of the charges inade against him here, he proseeded to London and reported to the home office of the bank, and told the whole stors of his using the bank's money, denying. however, that the sum ranched applying like 486,000 | that he offered to return to

been formally charged with larceny of the

bank's money.

WITH regard to our recent remarks concerning the rottenness of some things in tion to the opinion of the Madras Mail with regard to the cooking of the accounts connected with the Afghan war. More than once within our memory, says our contemporary, Indian journalists have been taken roundly to task for insinuating that the public accounts had been subjected to structure? The whole of the weight a process not very dissimilar to what is called "cooking" with reference to the financial statements of private companies and individuals. And now we have an ex-Lieutenant-Governor deliberately charging Lord Lytton's Government with the most odious cooking of accounts in respect of the Afghan war. He twice stigmatised Mr Stanhope's quiet official statement of facts as "audacious," and went out of his way to sneer at the modern Governors-General as being of inferior calibre to those of former days. Our contemporary agrees with the member for the Kirkcaldy cy to govern India by means of telegrams and private, or at least semi-official, correspondence. On reference to the Duke of manner in which plans are passed seen that His Grace conducted almost his entire correspondence with Lord Mayo on official manner; and, thus, the Blue-Book lately presented to Parliament displayed a iamentable hiatus at the very point where the fullest information was desirable." We might add that both India and the colonies have so often seen fearful and wonderful exposures of what is done in the land we live in and the land we belong to in the way of governmental wiles and tricks and blunders, that many have come to the comforting conclusion that things are just now F. Fonseca. at that worst state which, according to the old saw, always precedes their "beginning to mend."

FALL OF CHINESE HOUSES.

ONE MAN KILLED. The accident which we briefly noticed in Baturday evening's paper, happily dwindled down, when the real facts became known, to a much smaller catastrophe than it was at first believed had happened. The houses which fell are not situated in Gage Street, but facing Gage Street, at the junction of Cochrane Street, Gage Street and Lyndhurst Terrace. It appears that about 7 o'clook the three houses fell with a loud grash, which could be heard for a considerable distance. Chief Inspector Horspool happened to be close to the spot at the wall and one on the ground, and I and with water; and it is trying to the very time, and being informed that a number of men were buried in the ruins, gave orders for a party of police to be sent to the spot, and applied to the Superintendent of the Gaol for assistance. Twenty European prisoners were at once sent to the scene under the charge of Mr Cole, head turnkey of the gaol. They were provided with all necessary appliances for clearing away the ruins, and ambulances were brought down for use if required. It was known that some twenty men had been inside the building immediately before the accident occurred, and that some had escaped, but these latter ran away as they usually do on such occasions, so that it was impossible to say how many of the twenty ing in the Queen's Road and heard some men had escaped. At length it was ascertained that one man was buried, on the | I found two of my houses had fallen, so at Lyndhurst Terrace si le, and Mr Cole, with some of the prisoners, at once set to work to extricate the poor fellow. He was close to the door and apparently not much hurt, as the beams of the first floor had kept the debris from ornshing him. Before he was properly extricated he was able to speak. and said that he believed he was the only man in the building, the others having all | On Friday I noticed a crack near escaped. As soon as his legs were freed a most ludicrous scene occurred. Orders were given to clear the way to the ambul- as the first floor, and my intention was to ance, the man was lifted from his uncomfortable quarters by rough but kindly hands and he was being conveyed towards the ambulance. He tried hard to free himself from his preservers, who however expostu- doing it; they had pulled down, as far as and was rescued with difficulty. lated with him, endeavouring to reassure him of their well-meant intentions. was got as far as the ambulance, but here he struggled so flercely that he was at length let go, and he then rushed away madiy, energetically refusing to let them make an invalid of him. Although not a fit subject for an ambulance, nothing could more plainly have shown the dread the ignorant coolie has towards foreign doctors. doubt he is ere this smothered with nastylooking plasters, and has been pinched and scored down the neck and head to his beart's content. As soon as this lucky shewed him that the men were pulling article deceived by the same kind of stuff. fellow was released it was reported that another man was buried on the other side and the prisoners worked away manfully placed along each side of the wall on the catty. A great many persons were imposed discussion the Governor agreed to accede to till nearly 10 o'clock, but without seeing any signs of any one being buried there. They were then ordered to desist, as the up in that way. There were some of the same as the composition of vermiselli pro- determined to steadily pursue the policy walls were in a very unsafe state. Yes erday morning they renewed their exertions, building contracts. I gave orders for the and speceeded in finding a man's clothing and pipe, but no body. They sortiousd to

work till half past 4 o'clock, when they

this city, and proposed to visit his father, | 8 a.m. to-day the body of a lad of 19 was discovered. It is believed that all the others must have escaped.

We cannot help remarking that it a orying shame that such accidthan once called the attention of the authorities to the matter of jerry buildings, but they are still being run up in the same flimsy style. The entire row of these four houses was supported merely by thin posts placed in the shop-front. It is patent to the most unprofessional eye that the arch which forms the shop front is bly visited it twenty or thirty times. high places in India, we would direct atten- wholly useless; there is no key-stone; the bricks are simply thrown together, and the arch has scarcely any curve; how may we ask, can it be of the slightest use in supporting the thrown on a post about four or five inches in diameter. This defect must have been noticeable in the plans; if there were any plans, which we very much doubt. This, coupled with the bad workmanship, makes one wonder how these houses, formed as they are of mud and brick and green wood, can stand at all. It is the duty the Government to see that people are at them to be 9 inches. least free from the danger of being crushed Burghe that there is far too great a tendent to death at any moment, either in the street or in their houses owing to the Argyll's monstrous 'pamphlet,' it will be rascally contractors seamp their work, House rent is high enough in all conscience the subject of the Afghan Policy in an un- to enable proprietors and builders to erect substantfal dwellings.

THE INQUEST.

An inquest was held this afternoon on the body of Lai Hing, who was killed by the falling of some houses in Cochrane Street Saturday last. The jury comprised Messrs T. N. Driscoll, J. A. Blogg and E

Dr Wharry gave evidence as to the cause of death, which, he said, appeared to have resulted from suffocation. The left fore arm was broken, the upper part of the chest crushed, and the back and left shoulder

severely abraded. Ip A-on, a carpenter, stated that he was working at a block of new houses in Cochrane Street with the deceased, who was 19 years of age and was engaged as cook for the carpenters who were working in the house. -At about 7 p.m. of the 17th instant we were spreading the table for our evening meal, in a room in the middle of the ground floor of one of the new houses. I had just sat down to my supper; there were four other men including the deceased who was serving up our meal. Suddenly the wall on the south side of the room fell down. The roof and the first floor all seemed to fall at once. When the beams of the roof and the upper escaped with but slight injury. The deceased was under the end of the beams which struck the ground. We could not see the deceased. Some of the bricks fell on me, inflicting some slight bruises on my head, left arm, and chest. I got out without assistance. I do not know when the

other three men got out. I cannot say what caused the house to fall.

Chun Achti deposed:-I am a building contractor and reside at Queen's Road West. have been a building contractor for over twenty years. I have a contract for building a block of six houses at Cochrane Street. I have 60 or 70 men at work; they have been so employed for the last four months. The deceased has been employed for about one month. The deceased and four others were in one house doing carpenter's work. I visit the buildings every day and left the house on Saturday at 4 o'clock; I was walkpeople say that some houses had fallen, so immediately ran back to see if they were mine. once went to the Police Station and made a report. The Inspector asked me if there was anybody in the house. I went to make enquiries and learnt that all were safe but one. It was too late and too dark to work that night, but the next morning I got some men set to work, and they continued to work all This morning about 8 o'clock the deceased was found under the debris, quite dead. I was present when the body was recovered, he lay under some of the beams, foundation of the front side of the party wall of the two centre houses. I ordered the men to pull down the front wall as far pull the whole of the wall down. landlord called my attention to the flaw in the wall. I ordered the sub-contractor to pull it down, but he wanted more money, I said it must come down so engaged some men myself to pull it down. I saw them the top of the second floor on Saturday at 6 Plunket fined the first defendant 42, one p.m. I saw it at 4 o'clock; it looked quite dollar of which to go to the hawker as safe then; the crack was just the same amonds, and the second defendant was as when I first noticed its All the bricklayers left off work at 6 o'clock and went home. In all my twenty years' experience I never heard of a house falling down as these have done. The landlord visited the houses every day, but found no fault with the work except the vermicelli alleged to be birds' nests. brack in the wall. Mr Neate, the Inspector of buildings, visited the work three or four times a day, but he found no fault with the

By a Jufor :- I do not think the Inspector | Court 1 is very closely resembles birds of buildings saw the crack until after the nest; it is not birds' nest, but vermicelli. wall was in course of demolition. He then I have seen some of it before, and have came and spoke about the crack, and I known a pretty good judge of the genuine

down the wall. thought it was quits safe to put the bricks in Court is counterfeit, and is exactly the

tiles on the top floor as well. By Mr Driscoll :- It is usual to sub-let bricks to be stacked on the top floor in the manner I have described. The sub-contractor and bricklayers employed by him sold him the birds nests. have all run away, were relieved by a party of sociles, and at

I am Inspector of buildings. It is part of was fined \$20, with the alternative of four king was not among them as, owing to my duty to see that buildings are construct- weeks' hard labour, and was further order- indisposition, he applied for and obtained ed in accordance with the Building Ordi- ed to pay \$3,50 amends to the complainant, leave to remain eighty days longer in Loo days. nance. To the best of my knowledge the or be further imprisoned for fourteen days buildings which fell down in Cochrane with hard labour. On his release from may be called, though as a matter of fact Street were commenced about three or four gaol he is to enter into his personal recog- they are and will be under official surveilmonths ago. I was last there about last pizance in \$100 to be of good behaviour for ents should be possible. We have more Thursday. I keep no record of the twelve months. time of my visits. I do not remember-seeing anything wrong with them. passed the top of the street on Saturday, and think I noticed that the wall of one house was being pulled down, but as I was on other business at the time did not take particular notice. have no regular time for visiting particular buildings. I cannot say if I visit Cochrane Street once a week or not. I have proba-

By a Juror :- I should think from information I have gathered that the accident was caused by the bricks, &c., taken from the front wall being placed on the upper floor. The bricks and tiles would probably weigh several tons. This was done to save labour. I do not remember speaking to the last witness about the crack. I see a great many people and a great many buildings in the course of the day.

Last witness recalled, states that he is not quite certain the Inspector of Buildings was there on Friday.

Mr Neate said he should like to add that the buildings were in accordance with the Building Ordinance, and in one respect they were more substantial than was required by the Ordinance, the walls being 13 inches thick, while the Ordinance only requires

In reply to a Juror witness said that overweighting floors was a very common mistake in Hongkong and was not uncommon in England. He had known many accidents resulting from this cause. Accidents of this sort were due a great deal to ignorance and a great deal to a desire to save money. Bricks, if left in boats, have to pay demurrage, and arthere is no place to store them, they are generally stacked in the

The Coroner then read a definition of what constituted manslaughter, and asking the jury to consider their verdict, drew their attention to the ignorance of the Chinese. He said they could hardly be expected to have the same knowledge of the subject as Mr Neate, or any person specially trained, but of course the Contractors' experience would go for something.

Mr. Neate said that he might mention that the crack in the front wall would not account for the accident as that wall only bore its own weight.

The Jury then retired and after a short absence, returned a verdict of accidental death, adding a rider recommending some steps to be taken to prevent contractors from overweighting floors.

Mr Creegh said he should certainly bring this to the notice of the Government.

CORRESPONDENCE.

WATER! To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

19th May. Sin.-I wish to draw attention to the fact, that, as usual when the summer comes, the water supply fails utterly. It is strange that in a Colony that boasts of its civilization this should be so. During a period of floor fell down, one end of them rested on the | 7 or 8 days, once only have I been favoured others being protected by the beams luckily meekest man (be he a veritable Job)-to walk morning after morning into his bathroom to find only the same couple of inches of water. If exchange were not so frightfully low and business dull, one could find a remedy by ordering a supply of ice every morning, which would be a delightful temperature when needed. But then "fee rates" do not appear in our tax-papers, while "water rates" do, If the water would only come in as regularly as the taxcollector does, I would not grumble. As it is, I consider that the past week, hot as it has been, has been almost unbearable

EMPTY BATH-TUB.

Police Intelligence. (Both Magistrates Sitting.) Monday, May 19.

DRUNKENNESS. John Thompson, seaman, U.S.S. Richmond, and Charles Williams, seaman, unemployed, were fined 50 cents each for being drunk and incapable.

Michael Keane, seaman, lately belonging to the U.S.S. Ranger, was fined \$1 for a similar offence.

STRAGGLER.

Juan Billio, seaman Spanish schooner Nuevo Constants, was ordered to be sent on board his ship as a straggler.

" JACK ASHORE."

Thomas Henry Duggan, and Francis

Andrew Dougherty, seamen U.S.S. Rich-

mond, were charged with creating a disturbance in the public streets, knocking over a hawker's basket, and destroying property

valued at 5 cents, and likewise with ansaulting the police. It appears the first defendant was drunk, and kicked over the basket accidentally ; a crowd collected. and the second defendant tried to smooth matters over, but the first defendant ran away, was pursued, jumped into the water.

CHINESE DELICACIES. Mak Un Tai, a hawker, was charged with selling him a quantity of a mixture of

Mr Li Hong Mi, third clerk and interpreter at the Police Court, gave some interesting particulars regarding this business. He said : I have examined the article in I have dealt in birds nests for five or six By Inspector Craddook :- When the wall years. The birds' nests are worth \$85 a into the unprovoked attack made upon was being pulled down the bricks were casty | that in Court would be about half a them on the previous day. After much because the window was very larger. I goods of the same sort. That in the bag

> dused by the complainant. who had the bag of sptiriotis birds' nest in Court in his pusse sion. He was pointed

China. SHANGHAL.

(N. C. D. News.) H. M. despatch vessel Vegilant arrived at Shanghai Tuesday afternoon. Vice-Admiral Coote, C.B. was on board.—The flag-ship Iron Duke remained at Woosung, but was afterwards brought too far up the Hwangpoo and grounded on the tail of Gough's Island, where she remained so long that it was thought serious consequences would ensue By dint of unceasing effort, however, and the aid of several American and English gunboats, she was eventually floated, and is now at a safe anchorage.

-The China Merchanta' Company seem to be singularly unfortunate just now in the running of their steamers. The Hwei-yuen and Yungning broke down last week, and now we hear of a breakage of the machinery of the steamer Haean as she was leaving Tientsin on the morning of the oth inst. She seems to have been totally disabled Her passengers and cargo were transferred to the Yungching, which arrived in port on Sunday morning. The Haean was taken in tow by the Haeting, and they arrived safely in Shanghai on Sunday afternoon.

The proprietor of the Joss-house in the Peking Road, in front of H.M.'s Consular gaol, died about twelve months ago, having abstained from food for ten days. He was seventy years of age and reduced to a skeleton. His body was placed in a recess behind the alter in the Joss-house, where it remained until Tuesday morning, when was cremated on the plot of land in front of the gaol in the presence of several hundred Chinese, among whom were a large number of women. The operation lasted also through part of Wednesday, Deceased built the the Joss-house ten years ago, and is reported to have made a fortune of Tls. 20,000 by his management.

The use of the knife is becoming common among natives in Shanghai. A Tientsin mafoo, in the employment of a foreigner residing on the Bubbling Well Road, had an altereation with a shop-keeper Thursday afternoon on the Yang-ping-pang. seized a carving knife and drew it across the back of the shop-keeper's neck, inflicting a wound four inches long. An assistant in the shop interposed, and the mafoo stabbed him in the neck also. Fortunately the wound in neither case was of a dangerous nature. . The mafoo was arrested, and was brought before the Mixed Court next day, when he was sentenced to receive 100 blows and be imprisoned for three months.

The Shanghai Mercury reports the following singular case of compulsory suicide : -A Ningpo man named Zee-ah-rang, formerly a head coolie at the Kin-lee-yuen wharf, having occasion to doubt the perfect propriety of his wife's conduct, recently took to her a rope, a knife and some opium, telling her she must put an end to hereel with whichever she pleased. She chose the rope, and deliberately hung herself. The husband has disappeared and is not to be

An "unofficial meeting," as it has been described to us, took place on Saturday, between Mr Robert Hart, Inspector-General of I.M. Customs, and the Committee of the Shanghai General Chamber of Commerce. The important questions of the establishment of Bonded Warehouses and the obstructive condition of the Woosling bar, were, we understand, conversed about, but, as we are informed, without result.-To these might have been added those other burning questions of the fast-narrowing channel of the Hwang-poo river and the equally rapid silting up of the Soochow Creek, &c., &c. Perhaps, however, on the arrival of Sir Thomas Wade, another meeting can be arranged, at which the Chamber of Commerce as a body might be present to discuss with H.M. Minister and the Inspector-General not only these four questions, but also others affecting foreign mercantile interests in China generally, which have so long lain in abeyance.

The large ocean-going steamer Hankow from London, met with an accident while entering the port after passing the Tungsha Lightship. First, she grounded near the Red Buoy and was towed off by tugboats, and then, when anchoring off the Lighthouse at Woosung, her cable parted. A second anchor was immediately lowered and in swinging round to it she fouled some junks and became unmanageable. anchor chains of the junks got entangled around her propeller, entirely disabling her, and it was with great difficulty that she was brought under control. When this was accomplished she had to be considerably lightened before she could cross the Bar. work which occupied the best part of three days, and then in her disabled state she was towed into port by four tugboats.

Japan. TONHAMA. (Gasette.)

The Nichi Nichi Shinbun gives some par-

ticulars of a disturbance in the Japanese settlement of Fusan, Korea. It appears that Captain Yamasaki of H. I. J. M. S. Hoshokan and Yamanoshiro, chief commissioner of Fusan, accompanied by about 30 marines and some students visited Torai Pu on the 15th April. There are various gates in the walls of Toral Fu through which Japanese were not permitted to pass until recently when they were allowed to enter the town. These officers were on a defrauding one Kam Ayih, a broker, by visit to the town when they were unexpectedly attacked by about four hundred natives who hurled stones and tiles at the visitors. The natives rapidly increased their numbers to some thousands, the Japanese numbering not quite fifty. Some of the Japanese were wounded very severely and they were obliged to return to Fusan as speedily as possible. On the following day, the 16th April, Captain Yamasaki and Commissioner Yamanoshira with party of forty armed marines marched to Torsi Fu. and demanded an investigation top floor. There were not many bricks on in Penang some years ago by spurious the Japanese demand and the latter returned to Fusab.

The Imperial Government are evidently they have marked out respecting the future P.O. 190 proved arresting the defendant, of the Low Choo lalands, notwithstanding any protestations on the part of the inhabitants or the threats of Uhina. Yesterout by the complainant as the man who day the Mettl-More brought no less than fifty six of the principal islanders, who, it Defendant, who denied all knowledge of it said, are to be deteined in Tokio during theper Richmond Bests 1979: Hatel im clinic the completenat of the trick under the pleasure of the Corresponding The ex-

Choo. The visitors—for so no doubt they lance—were received by several officers of the Imperial household department, and remained in Yokohama last night and days.

proceeded to Tokio to day. the Government Intend to connect Loo Choo with Japan by means of a telegraph cable thence, to Kagoshima, and that a of the Kobusho.

The Japanese, Matsumoto, momban of was sentenced to ten years' penal servitude | days. for smoking and selling opium, was liberated on the 30th ultimo on payment of yen 28.50 in lieu of completing his term of days. punishment.

Manila.

(Translated from our Manila Exchanges.) The newly-appointed British Consul for Manila arrived here by the Esmeralda on 18th inst., and was conveyed on shore in the steam-launch Ella, where he was received by some members of the firm of Smith Bell & Co.

We learn with regret that the St. Nicolas Lighthouse will not be lighted up until next August, owing to the non-completion of some details in its construction, which in a quieter feeling prevails at the close. our opinion are immaterial.

del Duero, according to our information, is purchases made show no change in value : Annam for the negotiation of a treaty. The of all good and fine parcels. A fair amount nez on the news of his arrival at Singapore | made in Macao. or Saigon being received here, and from thence to the field of his labour. Sr. the past fortnight, a fair enquiry existed Ordonez will, it is said, come to Mapila for Capers, and settlements were made after the conclusion of his mission, and on | generally at an advance of about one tael his way to Madrid will visit Hongkong, per picul on-opening rates; latterly, howand Japan, and thence to United States ever, the demand has somewhat subsided, and home.

coal mines of Compostela (Cebu) are bound | acarce throughout, and have, consequently, to supply the Philippine naval station with commanded full prices. Common kinds coal that may be required for the use of the have been in some request, and teas of very service at the low price of \$5 per ton. As ordinary quality have been taken at The Cardiff coal was being paid for from \$11 13 a 13; per picul. to \$18 per ton, the advantage of the offer of the mine proprietors is evident. The bought to a moderate extent; "short leaf! said proprietors now make a new proposition which is that if the Government could and "long leaf" kinds from Tls. 16 a 80 construct a tramway to run from the per picul. The remarks made in our last mines to the prays, at its own expense, report, regarding the quality of these tess. they would be able to supply the combustible even at \$4 per ton. This proposition is now under consideration of the Govern-

The Spanish brig Perla del Oceano, Capt. Aldecoa, left Manila for Hongkong with sapanwood, on 12th inst.

It is reported from Iloilo that on the 2nd instant the British barque Strathmore left that port for Liverpool, and about three hours after she left was obliged to put back owing to the ship's steward baving set fire to the spare sails and provisions in the stores, but was discovered in time by the crew, who with great difficulty succeeded in extinguishing it. H.B.M.'s Vice-Consul, with a zeal worthy of praise, has ordered the culprit to be imprisoned, and taken other measures for his punishment.

COMMERCIAL.

vailed. The business of the fortnight has the drug will be much enhanced in its transit into the interior by the increased duty. circumstances call for. The present quotations are \$550 to \$5521 for Patna, and \$5171 to \$520 for Benares.

To the last noticed receipts have to be month, so far, 3,863 chests, against 2,791 to 450 to 500 bales. the corresponding date last year. During the fortnight some 1,050 chests have been taken by the local consumers, against 1,100 This, with the exportations, leaves against 2,900 chests same time last year. Of this last quantity 600 chests were Benares, of which kind the present stock consists of a similar quantity.

MESSES HEINEMANN & Co.'s Freight Circular for the Mail of Tuesday, 20th May, boxes, for Old Sesson's cargo. Sales of

Business in the Freight market has been on a moderate scale during the past fort. Alum, \$1.75 a \$1.80 per picul. Camphor. night; there exists a better demand for \$20.00 a \$20.50 per picul, packed. homeward charters, and freights have ruled slightly firmer, but coastwise the market per box., for Gowqua's No. 1, gold chop. continues dull and languid.

slight demand to load there.

the last few days; the rate can be quoted | ars. - Soy | \$5.25 per picul. 28 cents per picul,

The German barque Malvina, 479 tons, has left for Whampon "seeking." The disengaged tonnage in port, amounts to 16 vessels, registering 10,520 tons, steamers not included.

The following are the settlements:-American barque Freeman, 1198, Hollo to New York, private, British barque Aleppo, 665, Manila to per picul. New York, private.

Francisco, \$3,550 gold in full. British barque Orange Grove, 885, Takao

British schooner Rosebud, 341, Takao to Yokohama and back to Hongkong via Newchwang, 45 cents per picul, 88 lay days. British barque Florence Nightingale, 464, Donna, Deucalion, str. Whampon to Tientsin and back to Hongkong via Newchwang, \$4,750 in full, 42

German barque Anna Bertha, 468, Whampua to Unefcc and back to Hongkong vid Mewehwang, 30 sents per picul, 85 lay days.

British barque Gesine Brons, 462, to Kamput and back, \$2,400 in full, 85 lay

German barque Hermine, 350, to E-On and back, \$2,400 in full, 50 lay days. French barque Paralos, 342, Monthly Charter, 2 months and hence to Channel for orders to one Port United Kingdom or treated with every mark of respect. They Continent, £2 per ton of 20 owt., 25 lay

British steamer Penedo, 652, Saigon to We learn from the Japanese papers that Hongkong, 23 cents per picul, 8 lay days, Spanish steamer Zamboanga, 651, Saigon to Hongkong, 23 cents per picul, 8 lay days. British steamer Maharajah, 994, Saigon survey will shortly be commenced by order to Hongkong, 23 cents per picul, 9 lays

British steamer Pernambuco, 643, Saigon the race-course, who some short time back to Hongkong, 234 cents per picul, 8 lay British steamer Flintshire, 1236, Saigon

to Rongkong, 241 cents per picul, 12 lay.

British steamer Scotland, 1197, to Saigon and back. 27 cents per picul, 16 lay British steamer Thales, 820, Swatow to

Singapore (passengers), \$8.75 per head, 10 British steamer Paladin, 1734, to Saigon and back, 3 trips, 26 cents per picul for each trip, 13 lay days.

MESSES DEACON & Co.'s Canton Market Report, dated Canton, 17th May, says :---There has been a fairly active demand for Tea during the past fortnight, but apparently

Congous. The business transacted on this The Valiente and not the Marques market has been but small, and the few the vessel which will convey our Plenipo. there is now only a poor assortment on tentiary, Sr. Ordonez, to the Court of offer, the market having been nearly cleared vessel will be despatched to meet Br. Ordo- of contracts are reported as having been

Scented Teas, - During the first week of and for medium grades a rather casier tone It is now known, the proprietors of the pravails; fine and finest teas have been

Scented Orange Pekoes have only been teas have ruled from Tls. 12 a 13 per picul, must now be confirmed and the crop must be pronounced as very disappointing both in make and cup; the stock chiefly comprises medium teas, fine parcels being in

very small supply. Export of the various descriptions of Teas shipped from Canton Waters (Hongkong, Canton and Macao) to Great Britain to date :- May 4, 8. S. Ajaz, Congou 337,041 lbs., S. Caper 74,444 lbs., total 411,485 lbs.; 18, S. S. Sindh, Congou 124,208 lbs., S. Caper 207,317 lbs., S. O. Pekoe 22,880 lbs., total 354,405 lbs.-Making, with previous shipments, a total for the season of 1,517,684 lbs; against 2,501,240 for season 1878-79.

Silk.—There is no business to report in New Silk. About 100 bales of different kinds are said to be already resled in the country, but prices asked by the producers are exorbitant, and native dealers have abstained from purchasing. \$885 a \$890 per picul is the figure at present demanded Up to the receipt of the month's supply for No. 4" Kowkong" Teatlee; but should the rates for Bengal opium kept pretty there be no haste to operate on the part steady, but subsequently a weaker tone pre- of foreigners, it is likely that a considerable reduction on these rates will be accepted been notwithstanding on a very fair scale, lere long. From samples shown, the New when it is borne in mind that the value of | Silk appears to be of very fair quality, and rather above the standard of ordinary first. crop thread; only a small quantity has, As below noted, it will be seen that the however, been forthcoming, and it is not stock of Patna is not large in first hands improbable that the bulk may prove unequal for the season, but in view of the increased to these early arrivals. The yield is comduty the native dealers appear to act as puted at about 4,000 bales of all sorts, or double the first crop of last season.

Of Long-reels, 40 piculs are said to have been settled for the Iudian market. Re-reels.—The quantity of Cumchuck and added 3,523 chests, making the total for the Lucklow thread in this crop is estimated at

Stock, none. We cannot give any quotations.

Export of Silk, -- Export to date: -- To chests at the corresponding period last year. | London, 4069 bales; to Continent, 5347 bales; to America, 8553 boxes; to Bombay, available supply computed at 1,600 chests, 2898 piculs; -- total, 9328 bales, 7753 boxes and 2898 piculs. Of Waste, 8111 bales, and Pierced Cocoons 809 bales for Europe. DRUGS AND SPICES .- Cassia Lignes is

quoted at \$8.85 in mats, and \$9.10 in boxes, for New Season's Look Poo and Loting, and at \$9.10 in mats, and \$9.80 in New: 1,000 piculs. Stock 2,500 piculs. Sales of Old: 1,500 piculs. Stock 2,300 piculs. Sundries.—Fire Crackers, 72 a 77 cents

Vermilion: \$33.50 a \$84.00 per box. Mat-Homewards, little has been done from ting, Manhing's Fine contract, White 4/4 this port; two settlements are reported for 112 cents, 5/4, 132 cents, 6/4, 164 cents per the Philippines, and tonnage is still in | yard ; Red Check, 4/4, 182 cents. 5/4. 152 cents, 6/4, 18 cents; Double Extra Coastwise, very little business is offering | Imperial, white 4/4, 144 cents, 5/4, 174 cents, for the Northern ports, and freights are 6/4, 201 cents; Red Check, 4/4, 164 cents, generally dull. A fair demand for steamers 5/4, 192 cents, 6/4, 222 cents, per yard. continues from Saigon to this port, but the | Cargo Ginger : new, in syrup (Chyloong) market has shown signs of declining during \$3.70; Mandarin, \$4.20; per case of 6

LEAD. There has been little or no demand, and very trifling sales are reported to prices are generally weaker. Hole chop being quoted \$6.00, and English brands \$5.90 per picul. American metal is said to have been sold as low as \$5.75 per picul. QUICKELLYER.—A further decline has

taken place, present quotation being \$55 BELPPING. The rate of Freight to London, per German barque Patria, 895 to Hamburg,

steamer, is £1.12/ and per salling vessel, American ship Vesuvius, 818, to San 30/ per ton of forty and fifty cubic feet, respectively. The rate of Freight to New York, per to Yokohama, 27 cents per picul, 25 lay steamer, is £2.17 and per sailing vessel.

82/ per ton of 40 cubic feet. LOADING AND ON THE BERTH. -At Wham. poa. For London and New York -- None.

At Hongkong. - For London. - Prima For New York. -- Hate, Edward May. For San Francisco. - Edith, Cilureums Oneiga, Vesuvius,

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Mowchwang and back, 25 cents per picul, Rule. For San Francisco, -- None To Let.

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RUSSELL & Co . Agents. Hongkong, May 8, 1879.

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of same is required. A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PAS-BAGE TICKETS,

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or Passage, apply to the Agency of the and Conditions. Company, No. 87, Queen's Road Central. H. M. BLANCHARD,

Acting Agent. Ronghone, May 6, 1879.

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Hongkong, February 10, 1879.

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Scoretary. Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

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Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

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Hongkong, July 6, 1875. OHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY. (LIMITED.)

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Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

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TIHE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai, and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at engrant rates

Hongkoog, October 15, 1858,

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at Green Island. Vessels hear the Hongkong shore are marked h., near the Kowloong shore k., and those in the body of the

8. From Pier to East Point.

Shipping or midway between each shore are marked c., in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections. 1. From Green Island to the Gas Works. 5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf. 2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works: 6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard. 3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Barbour Master's Office. 7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.

4. From Harbour Master's to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.

Date of Vessel's Name. Consignees or Agents. Destination. Remarks. Tons. Arrival Steamers. Y'hama & S. F'cisco Ab'deen Dook Alaska Seabury Amer. str. 3452 Argyll 5 h Scott Brit. str. 1271 May 9 Jardine, Matheson & Co. Belgic 5 c Meyer Brit. str. 1716 May Y'hama & San F'cisco 31st inst. 17 0. & O. S. S. Co. Bombay Brit. str. 12 Kwok Acheong Cassandra 3 c Langer Ger. str. China Brit. str. May 16 P. & O. S. N. Co. Yokohama Y'hama & San F'clsco To-morrow Dale...... 2 h Thompson Brit. Bangkok To-day 10 Yuen Fat Hong Diamante 5 h Thebaud Brit. Manila 17 Russell & Co. Fame 6 h Stopani Brit. Tug Plying B.K. & W poa Dock Co. Galley of Lorne 7 c Dryden Brit. 19 Gibb. Livingston & Co. Gleniffer 2 c Graham Brit. Il Jardine, Matheson & Co. Gwalior 5 c Babot Brit. str. 1700 May 17 P. & O. S. N. Co. Europe, &c. To-morrow Killarney 4 c'O'Neill Brit, str. Foochow 15 Gibb, Livingston & Co. Leyte Zublaquirre ... Span. atr. 8 Russell & Co. K'loon Dock! 16 Douglas Lapraik & Co. Coast Ports 21st inst May Octava 5 c Hansen Ger, 14 Soey Shing Salgon 23rd inst. Pernambuco 4 oflyde Brit. str. 742 May 17 Melchers & Co. Saigon Rajanattianuhar 3 h Hopkins Brit. str. 933 May 19 Yuen Fat Hor Saint Mark 5 c Johnson Brit. str. 1098 May 16 Meyer & Co. 983 May 19 Yuen Fat Hong Bangkok Sea Gull 8 b Haydon Amer. str. 48 Mar. 24 China Traders' Insurance Co. Sorsogon.......... 3 & Lopez Span. str. 240 May 19 Vogel & Co. Zephyr 1 h Heuer Brit. str. Russell & Co. Salling Vousels Abbie N. Franklin ... 4 k Howes Amer. bge. Advance 2 o Spencer Siam, bge, Aleppo 1 c Falconer Brit, bqe. 665 April 27 Borneo Co., Limited Manila Alexa 8 c Robb Brit. bqe. 424 April 20 Jardine, Matheson & Co. Foochow Alice C. Dickerman ... 3 c Bugant Am. 3m. so. 501 May Annie W. Weston 3 c Winsor Amer. bqe. 740 April 23 Order 340 May 14 Melchers & Co. Black Prince 7 c Hewer Brit. sh. Poochow 751 May Chamron Kamrye 2 c stobse Siam. bge. May 15 Kin Tye Loong San Francisco Cilurnum 2 c Beadle Brit. sh. 1886 Cleared Delphin 4 c Lilienthal Ger. 3m. sc. San Francisco Kduh 4 c Manson Amer. sh 1173 april 30 Vogel & Co. Edward May 4 c Johnson Amer. bge. New York B Russell & Co. April klisabeth 4 c Ohlsen Ger. bqe. Excelsior 8 o Eddy Amer. bge. May 17 Captain Freeman 2 k Hower Amer. bge. May 15 Vogel & Co. FuldaGer. bge. 8 Melchers & Co. 884 May Gauntlet 7 c Lucas Brit, bge. 666 May 17 Gibb, Livingston & Co. Gertrude..... 4 c Prauce Brit. bge. 483 April 18 Carlowitz & Co. Callso Golden Fleece 4 c Wiltshire Brit. bge. 898 Mar. 10 Vogel & Co. Hemburg 946 April 25 Vogel & Co. Hattie E. Tapley 8 o Tapley Amer. sh. Haze Amer. sh. 862 April 18 Vogel & Co. New York 274 May 11 Eduard Schellhass & Co. 8 Eduard Schellhass & Co. Hermine 2 c Meyer Ger. bqe. 850 May Highlander 4 k Hutchinson ... Amer. sh. 1862 June 19 Vogel & Co. 219 May 10 Arnhold, Karberg & Co. lrene 3 o Yates Amer. sch. 16 Russell & Co. 481 May 5 Amhold, Karberg & Co. John R, Stanhope ... 2 c Pillsbury Amer. bge. 407 May 187 May Memnon Wass Amer. sh 850 April 18 Melchers & Co. Costan Dock Nuevo Constante 1 c Uriarte Span, sch. 203 May 9 Remedios & Co. 2293 Mar. 15 Russell & Co. San Francisco Oneida 4 c Olyma Brit. 395 May 1 Siemssen & Co. Patria 5 k schultz Ger. Hamburg 251 May 17 Arnhold, Karberg & Co. Peiho 3 k Christiansen ... Ger. Phæton B o cheel Brit. April 10 Wieler & Co. Callao 300 May 17 Wieler & Co. Philippine 4 k Southwood ... Brit. bqe. Prima Donna..... 4 c Lunt Amer. sh. 1450 April 16 Vogel & Co. Queen of India 3 c Cary Brit. bge. 890 April 10 Wieler & Co. Newchwang 341 April 20 Jardine, Matheson & Co. Rosebud Brit. Sm.sc. Takao & Yokohama 1090 Sept. 6 Russell & Co. 813 April 28 Russell & Co. Vesuvius 4 o Cull Amer. bqe. San Francisco Young Siam 2 o Benadictsen ... Slam. 701 May 9 Kin Tye Loong WHAMPOA Anna Bertha 468 May 15 Siemssen & Co. Krause Ger. Newchwans Rute Ger. 240 May 16 Carlowitz & Co. Faugh Balaugh Chefoo McIntyre Brit. 464 May 14 Arnhold, Karberg & Co. Florence Nightingale **Fientsin** 479 May Kluge Ger. Newohwang Malvina

Men-of-war in Hongkong Harbour.

920 May 15 C. M. S. N. Co.

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CHINESE GUN-VESSELS IN CANTON HONGKONG, MACAO AND CANTON RIVER WATERS, &c. STEAMERS. Guns. H. P. Tons. Commandes Name. Captain. Owners. Name, Tons. J. Godsil An-lan A. Walker Chen-jui Fatchoy G. McBain Coulsen Chen-to Stewart .. Ichang Martin Butterfield and Swire Chinese Admiral Ching-on Kin Shan Benning, T. H. C. & M. S. boat Co. Ching-po ************* H., C. & M. S. boat Co Kiu Kiang Chun II Hu Chun-tung Kwok Asleong Kienchow Browne Read H. O. & M. S. boat Co Benning, A. O H. Pa'mer Peng-chou-hai Kwok Acheong Li Ping Tyo H. Wads Quang-on 140 Hoyland 314 Hawthorns B. C. & M. S. boat Co. Shen chi C. M. S. N. Co. J. Calder Sui-taing White Cloud H., C, & M. S. boat Co Cary Tching tsing Bessard_ Kwok Acheong "Ohing

May 10, 1879. MERCHANT STEAMER. Ben Gloe for London Braemar Castle for London Europe for Shanghai Glenesgles for London MERCHANT SAILING VESSELS. Forward Ho for Shanghai Hamburg German barque	Hiroshima Maru Japanese Hwaiyuen Chinese Itaouaddy French Klang-ching Chinese Kiang-kwan Chinese Kiang-tung Chinese Kiang-yuen Chinese Lombardy British Orises British Orises	Hilds British barque H. Upmann for Ningpo John Potts British barque Kolgs British barque Lydis British barque Peiho German barque Penang American barque Qui ketep American schooler
SHIPPING IN SHANGHAI HARBOUR. May 18, 1879. MERCHART STEAMERS.	Paukong British Pekin British Pingion British W. C. de Vrice British Yehsin Chinese	Reporter American ship Salamis British barque Therese Bahn German barque Varra British Barque MEN-OF-WAR.

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* Since left port, or arrived at Hongkong.

French corvette Champlain H. M. gunboat Egeria H. M. gunboat H. M. gunboat Hornet Iron Duke Magpie

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